

PRESERVATION MONTH MAY 2010

“OLD IS THE NEW GREEN”

Celebrating Heritage Sustainably

31 Days of Preservation

Explore the rich cultural, architectural and natural heritage of our region ALL MONTH (and all year) with these activities and events:

Saturday, May 1

12th Annual French Broad River Festival

Time: April 30 - May 2, see website for daily schedules

Location: Hot Springs, NC

Cost: Purchase online - \$65 before 4/20/10 and \$70 after 4/20/10. Tickets will be \$75 at the gate.

Description: The 13th Annual French Broad River Festival, a benefit for American Whitewater, The Mountain Area Child and Family Center and Hot Springs Community Learning Center. Come spend the weekend with family and friends listening to the sounds of the James McMurtry and the Heartless Bastards, The Blue Rags, Snake Oil Medicine Show, Sol Driven Train, Larry Keel and the Natural Bridge, Shane Pruitt Band, Zach Deputy, Michelle Malone, WSNB, Mad Tea Party, and loads of other great regional and national recording artists, shopping for new outdoor gear at the Live Auction or with one of our many vendors, and watching or participating in the “Paddle with the Pros”, the 6th Annual FBRF Mountain Bike Race, or the 13th Annual French Broad River Raft Race. Come on out for a weekend of fun, family, art, music and adventure!

Website: www.frenchbroadriverfestival.com

Renovation, Repair and Painting Training

Time: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Location: Jensen Lecture Hall, Warren Wilson College, 701 Warren Wilson Rd., Swannanoa , NC 28778

Cost: \$225

Contact information: Linda Block, 828-771-5821, LBlock@warren-wilson.edu

Event description: Learn to protect your health and that of your family and clients when working in an environment containing lead paint, varnish, stains, or shellac. The course will combine hands-on practice, slide show presentations, sharing of experiences and group problem-solving activities. Participants who successfully complete the course will each receive

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polypropylene coveralls, an N-100 dust mask, course materials, and an EPA Certificate of Completion. EPA Renovator Certification is required before April 22, 2010 and is good for 5 years. Firm certification is also required and is good for one year.

Sunday, May 2

21st Annual Spring Herb Festival

Time: April 30 - May 1, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; May 2, 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Location: WNC Farmers Market, 570 Brevard Road, Asheville

Cost: Free

Contact information: Farmers Market, 828-253-1691

Website: www.wncherbfestival.com

Monday, May 3

St. Lawrence Basilica

Time: Church open daily. Docent guided tours available on Sundays after noon mass or by appointment.

Location: 97 Haywood Street, Asheville

Contact information: Call Docent Coordinator, Shirley Gregory, to schedule a tour at 274-4592.

Description: Visit this National Historic Landmark built in 1909. Designed by Rafael Guastavino in the ornate Spanish Renaissance style, the Basilica features many distinctive architectural features.

Website: www.saintlawrencebasilica.org

Tuesday, May 4

Biltmore Estate Festival of Flowers

Date/Time: Through May 16th, open daily, see website for times

Location: Biltmore Estate, 1 Approach Road, Asheville, NC 28803

Cost: varies

Contact information: Call 800-411-3812 or 828-225-1333

Description: During our celebration, enjoy live music daily in the Winter Garden and in the Conservatory. On weekends, our horticulture professionals are in the Walled Garden to answer your gardening questions.

Website: www.biltmore.com

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Wednesday, May 5

On Earth's Furrowed Brow: The Appalachian Farm in Photographs - Photographs by Tim Barnwell

Through May 31st, Exhibit Center: Monday through Sunday, 9 am to 5 pm.

Location: North Carolina Arboretum

Cost: Free with the standard parking fee (only \$8 per personal vehicle); always free on Tuesdays.

Contact: 828-665-2492

Description: Tim Barnwell has spent a lifetime exploring the southern Appalachian region, documenting the farm culture, visiting with and photographing the people of its isolated mountain enclaves. The acclaimed author of *The Face of Appalachia*, Barnwell once again turns an intelligent and compassionate eye toward rural America in this traveling exhibit based on his book, *On Earth's Furrowed Brow*. Set against the breathtaking backdrop of the Appalachian Mountains, 30 black and white photographs provide a window onto a world that is quickly fading. Portraits of people in their homes and at work in the fields illuminate the richness and rhythms of everyday life.

Website: www.ncarboretum.org

Thursday, May 6

Preservation Month Kick-off Gathering

Time: 5:00 – 7:00 pm

Location: Pack's Tavern, 20 S. Spruce St.

Cost: No fee to attend. Light snacks will be provided; drinks may be purchased at the bar

Event description: An opportunity for preservation professionals and enthusiasts to get together. Bring your questions, find out who does what. Come celebrate in the newly renovated Hayes Hopson Building!

Friday, May 7

Downtown Walking Tours

Date/Time: Year Round by appointment.

Location: Tours are by reservation and leave from various locations depending on the tour.

Presenter/Organizer: Asheville Historic Tours

Cost: Admission Fee \$18.00 for adults, \$12.00 for students 6-18 years old. Group tours available.

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Contact information: Sharon Fahrner, 828-777-1014

Event Description: Walking tours of historic Downtown Asheville. Step back in time to glimpse the history of Asheville as you come along on a walking architecture/history tour in the heart of the city. Tours of Montford and the elegantly landscaped Riverside cemetery and are also available. Tours must be booked in advance.

Website: www.history-at-hand.com or <http://www.history-at-hand.com/montfordtours.php>

Saturday, May 8

The 2010 Fins & Gills Classic

Time: 11 am – 3 pm

Location: Asheville Outdoor Center

Event description: The Asheville Outdoor Center will offer a variety of activities for the whole family, including kayak and raft rides, live music, volleyball, gem mining, fishing classes, a casting contest, a playground and horse shoes, as well as a fishing tournament.

Contact: Dave Russell (252-8474, ext. 118) at RiverLink

Sunday, May 9

Folk Art Center – Handmade Wearables Fashion Show

Date/Time: May 8th 10:00 am – 4:00 pm and May 9th 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Location: Folk Art Center, Parkway milepost 382

Event description: As part of Fiber Weekend, demonstrations on Saturday include: quilting, doll making, weaving, mixed media fiber arts, clothing design, printing and surface design, and natural dyeing. Fashion show on Sunday will feature clothing and accessories designed and handmade by members of the Southern Highland Craft Guild. Participants in this year's show will be exploring the topics of recycling, repurposing and sustainability through their fiber art.

Contact: 828-298-7928

Website: www.southernhighlandguild.org

Monday, May 10

Visit the Thomas Wolfe Memorial

Time: 9:00am - 5:00pm Tuesday-Saturday, 1:00pm - 5:00pm Sunday, Closed Monday

Location: 52 North Market Street, Asheville, NC 28801

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Cost: Adults - \$1, Students - 50¢

Contact information: Call 828-253-8304

Description: Visit Thomas Wolfe's childhood home, which he immortalized in his epic autobiographical novel, *Look Homeward, Angel*. Wolfe's colorful portrayal of his family, his hometown of Asheville, North Carolina, and the Old Kentucky Home boarding house earned the historic Victorian home a place as one of American Literature's most famous landmarks.

Website: www.wolfememorial.com

Tuesday, May 11

Visit the Big Ivy Historical Park & Society – Carson Cabin

Times: The Carson cabin is open every Sunday from 1 pm - 5 pm, June through October and for special events throughout the year.

Location: 540 Dillingham Rd., Barnardsville, NC 28709

Cost: None

Contact: 828-626-2522

Description: The park sits on the site of a 1930s CCC camp and contains the pre-Civil War cabin of Henry Stevens Carson, grandson of the founding family, Absolum and Rebecca Dillingham, of what is now known as the Big Ivy Community. Related outbuildings, a replica of the 1890's one-room community school, and the Big Ivy Community Center and swimming pool are also located within the park. On display in the One Room School house is the diorama of the building of the Blue Ridge Parkway by the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Wednesday, May 12

Grove Arcade

Time: Open Daily

Location: One Page Avenue, Downtown Asheville

Contact information: Call 252-7799

Description: Take a self-guided tour the Grove Arcade through a downloadable guide describing the historical and architectural highlights of this landmark. Download the brochure at www.grovearcade.com. The tour is available in two parts: a brief history that provides information about Asheville and E.W. Grove and a walking tour that will take visitors around the exterior and interior of the building. The tour takes approximately 35 minutes to complete.

Website: www.grovearcade.com

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Thursday, May 13

Swannanoa Valley Museum

Times: Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday noon to 4 p.m., and Sunday 2 to 5 p.m. Closed on Mondays

Location: 223 W. State St., Black Mountain, NC

Cost: Admission: \$2. Museum members and children under 12 free.

Contact information: Jill Jones, 828-298-5330, Ext. 311

Description: This season's themed exhibit, "***Protecting Our Natural Scenic Beauty—A Flood Runs Through It***," will be on display throughout 2010. Oh, and you won't want to miss the special whimsical corner exhibit, "***Blowdowns***," featuring chairs from the Front Porch of Western North Carolina.

Website: www.swannanoavalleymuseum.org

Friday, May 14

Hands in Harmony: Traditional Crafts and Music in Appalachia, Photographs by Tim Barnwell

Dates/Time: May 14 - October 10, 2010, Tuesday - Saturday 10 am - 5 pm; Sunday 1 - 5 pm

Location: Asheville Art Museum

Event description: ***Hands in Harmony*** is a photographic exploration of the makers of Appalachian folk music and traditional handcrafts by photographer Tim Barnwell. The exhibition includes approximately 30 black-and-white photographic portraits of well-known figures in the Appalachian music and crafts communities and images of some who are not as well known

Website: www.ashevilleart.org

Saturday, May 15

Preservation Trades Day

Time: 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Location: The Bankers House, located at 319 N. Lafayette Street, just one block north of uptown Shelby.

Cost: \$30 per person

Contact: 704-484-1731; Email: trades@historicshelby.org

Event description: Join us on May 15, 2010 at the Banker's House. This is an opportunity to provide the entire community with demonstrations of historic preservation trades, ask questions of the demonstrators, and discuss the Historic Trades Training Program. This Historic Preservation Trades Day will be the public kick-off for this exciting program.

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Sunday, May 16

YMI Cultural Center

Times: Weekly, Tuesdays through Fridays, 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Other times by appointment

Location: 39 S. Market Street, Asheville

Contact information: Call 828-252-4614

Description: Housed in one of Asheville's national historic landmarks commissioned by George Vanderbilt in 1983, the center features exhibit galleries, classes and performances.

Website: www.ymicc.org

Monday, May 17

Montford Walking Tours

Date/Time: Year Round by appointment.

Location: Tours are by reservation and leave from various locations depending on the tour.

Presenter/Organizer: Asheville Historic Tours

Cost: Admission Fee \$18.00 for adults, \$12.00 for students 6-18 years old. Group tours available.

Contact information: Sharon Fahrner, 828-777-1014

Event Description: Walking tours of Asheville's historic Montford neighborhood. Step back in time to glimpse the history of this charming community as you come along on a walking architecture/history tour of Montford, which includes a surprise visit to a bed & breakfast. Tours of elegantly landscaped Riverside cemetery and downtown Asheville are also available. Tours must be booked in advance.

Website: www.history-at-hand.com or <http://www.history-at-hand.com/montfordtours.php>

Tuesday, May 18

Annual Griffin Awards Ceremony

Time: 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Location: Asheville Masonic Temple, 80 Broadway

Contact information: Preservation Society, 828-254-2343

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Event description: Preservation Awards ceremony honoring the citizens working to sustain the heritage and sense of place that is Asheville and Buncombe County. Light hors d' oeuvres and self-guided building tours begin at 6:00 pm and the award presentations begin at 7:00. The Sondley Award will also be presented to Bill Alexander.

Website: www.psabc.org

Wednesday, May 19

Vance Birthplace

Times: Tuesday – Saturday, 9 am - 5 pm

Location: 911 Reems Creek Road, Weaverville, NC 28787

Contact information: Call (828) 645-6706

Website: www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/sections/hs/vance/vance.htm

Thursday, May 20

Riverside Cemetery Walking Tours

Date/Time: Year Round by appointment.

Location: Tours are by reservation and leave from various locations depending on the tour.

Presenter/Organizer: Asheville Historic Tours

Cost: Admission Fee \$18.00 for adults, \$12.00 for students 6-18 years old. Group tours available.

Contact information: Sharon Fahrer, 828-777-1014

Event Description: Walking tours of Asheville's historic Riverside cemetery. Step back in time to glimpse the history of this elegantly landscaped cemetery as you on a walking architecture/history tour. Tours of downtown Asheville and Montford are also available. Tours must be booked in advance.

Website: www.history-at-hand.com or <http://www.history-at-hand.com/montfordtours.php>

Friday, May 21

Visit Historic Biltmore Village

Description: Planned and built in the 1890s as a picturesque manorial village to complement the Biltmore Estate and house its workers, this historic community's cottages and storefronts now accommodate many unique shopping and dining opportunities. Visit **The Compleat Naturalist** and **Once Upon a Time** today and receive a 20% discount on the picture book, *Around Biltmore Village*.

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Website: www.biltmorevillage.com

Saturday, May 22

Montford Music and Arts Festival

Time: 10:00 am -7:00 pm

Location: Montford Avenue between Cullowhee and Wanetta

Contact information: Sharon Fahrer

Cost free to the public; booth space available for rent

Website: www.montfordfestival.com

Sunday, May 23

Smith-McDowell House

Times: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - group appointment only (15 visitors, minimum); Thursday - Saturday 10 am - 4 pm;
Sunday 12pm - 4pm

Location: 283 Victoria Road, Asheville

Description: The Smith-McDowell House is the oldest surviving house in Asheville and the finest existing example of brick antebellum architecture in Western North Carolina. The house is fully furnished with authentic period pieces and its programs reflect the eras in which the Smith and McDowell families lived, including the Museum's acclaimed annual Victorian Romance Christmas Celebration.

Website: <http://www.wnchistory.org/>

Monday, May 24

Visit Historic Albemarle Park

Description: Take a driving tour through this unique local historic district. Composed of 45 residences reflecting diverse architectural styles, Albemarle Park has narrow curving streets that preserve much of the heavily wooded natural landscape, which was a special consideration in the original design. The original site plan for the neighborhood was designed by landscape architect, Samuel Parsons and the architecture has influences of the French, Swiss, and Italian on the Adirondack and Georgian Revival styles.

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Tuesday, May 25

Urban Trail

Time: Self- guided tours anytime (maps are available in Pack Place and at the Arts Council), guided tours by reservation

Location: Pack Place Arts and Science Center, Downtown Asheville

Cost: Tickets are available inside Pack Place Arts and Science Center.

Contact information 828-258-0710, ext. 108. Call 10 days to 2 weeks in advance of your desired tour date to coordinate a tour.

Description: Follow this outdoor museum consisting of thirty stations of bronze sculpture around downtown Asheville. Each station has a plaque illuminating some of the very interesting history of the downtown development and the various notable people who once lived here. The Urban Trail is divided into The Frontier Period, The Gilded Age, The Times of Thomas Wolfe, The Era of Civic Pride and The Age of Diversity and marked with a pink granite symbol to lead you through the ages. In total, it is a 1.7 mile walk that begins and ends at Pack Place.

Website: www.ashevillearts.com/trail.php

Wednesday, May 26

Preservation Forum

Time: 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Location: YMI Cultural Center

Contact: HRC at 259-5836

Event description: Learn about Preservation Easements, Rehabilitation Tax Credits, National Register and Local Historic Districts and other useful preservation tools.

Thursday, May 27

Black Mountain College History Preserved Museum

Time: Open Wed.–Sat, 12:00 - 4:00pm and by appointment

Location: Black Mountain College Museum + Arts Center, 56 Broadway, Asheville, NC

Cost: Admission – Free on Wednesdays & always for BMCM+AC members, \$3 otherwise

Contact information: For more information contact Alice Sebrell, Program Director, 828-350-8484, bmcmmac@bellsouth.net

Description: The BMC Museum & Arts Center preserves and presents the fascinating story of the legendary experimental college by offering a variety of resources to help visitors understand Black Mountain College's famous artistic and educational community.

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Website: www.blackmountaincollege.org

Friday, May 28

Take a Driving Tour of Saint Dunstan's Historic District

This charming local historic district was initially developed in the first two decades of the 20th century. Many of its original homes are still here and serve as a reminder of the most popular domestic architecture styles constructed for middle to upper-middle class residents in Asheville during that time.

Saturday, May 29

Memorial Day Weekend at the Grove Park Inn

Times: May 28 – 31; Guided history tour at 10:00 am; various other activities all weekend, see website for detailed schedule.

Location: Grove Park Inn

Event description: Join us as we celebrate the best of North Carolina's heritage at The Grove Park Inn Resort & Spa during our Memorial Day Weekend celebration. Our salute to summer includes guided history tours, cooking demonstrations, pool games, a puzzle tournament, and lots of live music...we know you'll find something to enjoy at our legendary resort.

Website: www.groveparkinn.com

Sunday, May 30

Visit the Blue Ridge Parkway Destination Center

Times: Open daily, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Location: Parkway milepost 384

Contact information: Call (828) 298-5330

Description: The Destination Center features a variety of exhibits which highlight the natural and cultural diversity, economic traditions, and recreational opportunities found in Western North Carolina along the Blue Ridge Parkway. The Center also houses interactive kiosks which enable visitors to purchase discounted tickets to nearby attractions.

www.blueridgeheritage.com

Monday, May 30

Visit the Old Depot Association Caboose & Railroad Museum

Times: Tuesday - Saturday 10:00 to 5:00

Location: Cherry Street & Sutton Avenue in Black Mountain, NC

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Contact: 828-669-6583

Cost: None

Description: The museum features a restored Norfolk & Western Bay Window Caboose. Inside, visitors can view old photographs of the railroad and Depot going back more than 100 years. Multi-media exhibits portray the coming of the railroad to the Swannanoa Valley, construction of the tunnels through the Old Fort Mountain and oral histories of Southern Railroad personnel.

Website: www.olddepot.org

Tuesday, May 31

Visit the Western North Carolina Heritage Website

Description: Take some time to enjoy browsing this amazing collection of local historical records available via the web!

Resources include digitized drawings, photographs, archival documents, maps and architectural plans, biographies and oral histories.

Website: www.heritagewnc.org